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SUBJECT: DISAPPEARANCE OF AMB. HECTOR MANUEL HIDALGO SOLA

REFTEL CARACAS 5451

1. MRS. HECTOR MANUEL HIDALGO SOLA, WIFE OF FORMER GOA
AMBASSADOR TO VENEZUELA, CALLED ON AMBASSADOR CASTRO YESTERDAY
(JUNE 13) ON A MOMENT OF DESPERATION. SHE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY
SON MARCEL AND A TEEN-AGE DAUGHTER.

2. MRS SOLA REPEATED WHAT SON, MARCEL, HAD TOLD AMEMBASSY
CARACAS (REFTEL CARACAS 5451). SHE WAS VERY EMOTIONAL, AS WERE
CHILDREN, DESCRIBING DISAPPEARANCE OF HUSBAND. MRS. SOLA
STATED BY THIS TIME SHE CALLED ON PRESIDENT VIDELA SEVERAL
TIMES. SUPPOSEDLY PRESIDENT WAS SYMPATHETIC BUT COULD NOT GIVE
HER ANY ENCOURAGEMENT. SHE HAS ALSO CALLED ON MININT HARGUIN-
DEGUY, GENERAL MENENDEZM, GENERAL SUAREZ MASON, THE PAPAL NUNCIO,
AND ANYONE OF INFLUENCE IN GOA. HER OPINION WAS THAT ALL WERE
EXTREMELY COURTEOUS, BUT ALL PROFESSED IGNORANCE ON FACTS
OF HUSBAND'S DISAPPEARANCE.

3. MRS. SOLA DISAPPROVED OF TOTAL SILENCE THAT BLANKETED
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QUESTION OF DISAPPEARANCES. SHE SAID SHE COULDN'T ENDURE
THIS SITUATION ANY LONGER. IT WAS HER INTENT TO SPEAK OUT

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LOUD AND CLEAR AGAINST GOA. AMBASSADOR SUGGESTED SHE MUST AT ALL TIMES REMEMBER NOT TO DO ANY ACT THAT WOULD TEND TO JEOPARDIZE HER SAFETY AND THOSE OF HER CHILDREN. THE ADAGE STILL HOLDS THAT "AN HONEST CONFESSION IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL". IT SEEMED THAT AFTER MRS. SOLA HAD RELAYED HER TROUBLES TO AMBASSADOR, SHE SETTLED DOWN TO A MORE RATIONAL APPROACH. WHEN SHE LEFT, MRS. SOLA WAS IN A MUCH HAPPIER FRAME OF MIND.

4. MRS. SOLA'S PARTING STATEMENT WAS THAT HER NEXT CONTACT WOULD BE OAS, THROUGH THE GOOD AUSPICES OF OAS GENSECT ORFILA, AN ARGENTINE.
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